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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. SHOOTING IN NEW YORK (BELGRADE 3674). WE ARE TRYING TO
GET INFORMATION FROM THE NEW YORK POLICE ON THE INCIDENT;
WILL PROVIDE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. OPIC VISIT. LEIGH HOLLYWOOD OF OPIC WILL BE SENDING YOU
A CABLE REGARDING HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA THE WEEK
OF JUNE 12 AND WILL BE RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO YOUR QUERY
ON REVISING OPIC BROCHURE ON YUGOSLAVIA.

3. YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY VISIT. SPEAKER'S OFFICE IS HOLD-
ING OFF REQUEST TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MEETING WITH PRESI-
DENT PENDING CONFIRMATION FROM GOY THAT PROPOSED DATES OF
JULY 17-24 AGREEABLE TO GLIGOROV'S SUCCESSOR. THUS, IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ELICIT CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
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AFTER NEW FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT ELECTED.

4. ALIMI. BELOVSKI FOLLOWED THROUGH ON HIS PROMISE AND
BRIEFED CONGRESSMAN MAGUIRE LAST WEEK ON HIS ATTEMPTS TO
HELP SPRING ALIMI. ACCORDING TO MAGUIRE, BELOVSKI WAS VERY
UPBEAT, PREDICTING ALIMI'S RELEASE WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS,
WITHOUT MAKING PROMISES OF COURSE. WE REALIZE THAT GANJER

CASE WAS IN CROATIA AND NOT MACEDONIA -- A BIG DIFFERENCE --
BUT WE NONETHELESS TAKE IT AS A GOOD SIGN. CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU AND ZAGREB ON A JOB WELL DONE.

5. DJURANOVIC/ROCKEFELLER. NO DATE SET YET BUT WE UNDER-
STAND THAT ROCKEFELLER IS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO HOST
LUNCHEON FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

6. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS. I REGRET THAT
TERMS OF REFERENCE STILL NOT APPROVED BY COMMERCE, DESPITE
DAILY PRODDING ON OUR PART. WE UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF
FIRMING THIS UP BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING.

7. TRADE STATISTICS. COMMERCE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER
1978 GIVE TRADE SURPLUS OF ABOUT \$27 MILLION IN YUGOSLAV
FAVOR (US EXPORTS \$76.2 MILLION AND US IMPORTS \$103.1
MILLION). RECENT FBIS REPORT GIVES YUGOSLAV FIGURES FOR
FIRST QUARTER OF \$250 MILLION TURNOVER. WE WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN THE BREAKDOWN.

8. KRSKO. ANY FURTHER WORD ON WHEN WE WILL HAVE THE YUGO-
SLAV PROPOSAL?

9. EMBASSY'S REPORTING. THE ANALYSIS OF THE JOINT VENTURE
LAW WAS EXCELLENT AND VERY USEFUL HERE. WE HAVE PROVIDED
WALKER WITH PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR BUT SUGGESTED HE NOT
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